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Want Bridge Over Red Deer

1000 Settlers Petition Government to Build Bridge Across River at Hutton—Structure Will Cost Only \$25,000—Fully 6000 Settlers Will be Served.

Hutton April 10.—A wagon bridge badly needed across the Red Deer river. At present there is but one and that is situated in town of Red Deer.

North of the Red Deer for almost miles there is a fine agricultural section, one of the best in Alberta, and much of this has been taken up by homesteaders. It is estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 homesteaders are now in this section, and the number is increasing daily.

But they are handicapped. Right across the trail through Bassano into Calgary, their natural market for the Red Deer, and there is no way to cross it. That one way is the antiquated ferry system.

In the winter, it is a truck of a minute may be affected on the ice, but this at the best is dangerous. Just how dangerous was illustrated shortly before the ice went out a few days ago. A settler with a four-horse team, driving a wagon, was seen by himself, his family and all his possessions, was making the passage, when the horses broke through the ice. All four horses were lost, and the settler had great difficulty in reaching his family. Shortly after another settler lost a two-horse team under very similar circumstances.

At the present moment there are 100 settlers, with their effects, stranded on the river, waiting to make the crossing. And the number is increasing daily.

All this might easily be remedied by the erection of a wagon bridge, which would be paid for by \$25,000. About a mile above the ferry are two islands. Between these islands there is a narrow channel, the water of which is very shallow.

from the north shore. There but one steel span would be required, the remaining distance could be filled. The grade, too, on each side of the river are at this point under than at the ferry.

The town of Hutton lies between the ferry and the suggested site and so, all things considered, this bridge is a necessity.

A petition has been circulated for the construction of this bridge, and has received over 1000 signatures. It is backed by the board of trade of Bassano and is fostered in the legislature by A. J. McArthur, M. L. A. for Glenora and H. L. Shaw, M. L. A. for Stettin.

Your presence is requested at the Old Man's Convention Friday next, April 21.

The Calgary Herald has been howling for a knowledge of the Alberta Government's view of the railway. Frank Oliver is going to enlighten Calgary citizens to night on the Government position.

The line planter and census is now in the construction of the new B.A. 3000 school house arrived here this week and the house is expected to arrive any day this week.

It seems needless on our part to mention Teachers' heavy weather. We suggest a dose of the storm. While some complained of the heaviness of the weather, the agricultural and commercial sections of the district are complaining of the lack of rain.

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SECOND AVENUE

Around Town

Local talent deserves your support. Basna Theatre April 21.

Mr. Jas. Hogg was down from Innisfail on a visit on Monday and Tuesday.

L. O. Robinson and family of Red Deer were registered at the Alberta Hotel Monday last.

One week from today April 21 is the date of the Old Man's Convention. Remember your laugh.

Mr. M. B. Morley is a new arrival from Calgary. He will be arriving here on Monday last.

W. A. Quinn arrived here from New York after the fore part of the week and expects to locate here.

Messrs. Woods, Walker and Hawkins were in from their Berry Creek headquarters after supplies this week.

Jas. Griffin, representing Pinkney and Harvey of Calgary was in passing through town the day of the week.

Messrs. Staples and Harlow were here this week. They are a large family of horses which they will ship to Edmonton.

If the people of this town and district who aren't subscribers, regard all calls on a subscription we would be enabled to publish a will better week.

Mr. E. T. Stiles of Innisfail father of J. H. and Geo. B. Stiles is here this week on a visit to his son. Mr. Stiles has just returned from a visit to Red Deer and Stettin.

Mr. James Davidson of the Innisfail Hotel is here this week. He is here on a visit to his son. Mr. Davidson has just returned from a visit to Red Deer and Stettin.

Mr. Robert Carson who was an employee of W. J. Robinson has returned to his home in Red Deer. Mr. Carson has just returned from a visit to Red Deer and Stettin.

Mr. Williams of Seattle arrived the first of the week with a party of horse seekers who are interested in the Bow Valley lands. Among the number was a number of men who are contemplating purchasing some of the Bow Valley land.

Come early to the Basna Theatre on April 21. It is to be crowded.

Bob Derry made a business trip to Calgary Saturday and returned Sunday.

The Calgary News Telegram has secured the services of W. C. Hunter of Calgary, Ill., as circulation manager of the enterprising publication.

Amelton 5th Basna Theatre. Old Man's Convention.

John E. Pender of the M. school district has purchased a motor cycle to carry himself to and from his ranch 15 miles south of the town. What editors will do. Next.

Come one Come all Old Man's Convention. It's funny come away.

A single printer arrived in town on Wednesday, hitting the grit for good old Toronto News. The usual "my loss change" was passed his way.

The original old maid in her harlem skirt, Basna Theatre, Friday next April 21.

HE WONDERED WHY

A valiant meeting was in progress, and Sister Jones was called upon for testimony. Being weak and humble she said:

"I do not feel as though I should stand behind this testimony. I have been a Christian for five or six years and only recently have I been able to find the door."

Brother Smith following the example said:

"I, too, have been a sinner for more than forty years, and I do not think it would be fitting for me to stand before this assembly as a model. I think my place is behind the door, in a dark corner with Sister Jones."

"And he wondered why the meeting was convulsed with the laughter of those who had come to pray."

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Bassano has been a very busy town this week. The hotel eating and sleeping accommodations have been made for their summer capacity. The much of Commercial men and landowners have been away. Some have had to sleep on good tables and in chairs.

Our merchants have been busy as busy outfitting and supplying the land trails. Wagon after wagon, loaded to the brim have been started out on the trail to the plains.

The prospects of good crops is a main topic of conversation while occasional falls of snow continue to make them more promising. It is a busy week alright. Calgary and Medicine Hat can crowd over their activity and possibilities and increase, but the citizens of Bassano are happily contented over the future of the town and district.

Two more hotels are to be started in Bassano this spring. Petitions were circulated this week to secure the necessary number of signatures to secure the licenses and representatives of the two parties have gone to Calgary this week to put the matter before the government authorities. Mr. T. H. Hunter of this place proposes to erect a large and commodious hotel on lots 1 and 2 in block 4 being immediately east of the Alberta Hotel. The hotel will be a large 40 room building, brick, veneered and finished and furnished in the latest and most up-to-date manner.

Work will begin immediately upon the new building as soon as the licenses have been taken by the license commission as before when the petition will be placed for consideration," stated Mr. Hunter of the News this week. "The building will be built on the latest and most improved plan and will be heated by steam and lighted with natural gas and in every respect is a modern up-to-date hotel."

The other hotel will be built by Mr. A. E. McLeod of Spokane who proposes to erect a large 40 room hotel on lot 1 and 2 in block 4 being immediately east of the Alberta Hotel. The hotel will be a large 40 room building, brick, veneered and finished and furnished in the latest and most up-to-date manner.

on Second Avenue between Second and Third streets and will be fully ready throughout. Mr. McDonald says that the intention is to make this hotel in every way second to none between Winnipeg and Calgary. Work will begin on the building early during the coming summer.

INDIANS GIVE WAR DANCE

In Prince's Hall on Wednesday night the Crowfoot Indians held a powwow of song and dance. About 500 Indians and it is too much to the delight of assembled spectators. Mr. Travis announced the next a square dance when it was a square dance. However the square performed the dance "on the square" so Mr. Travis was right after all.

To the uninitiated the dance was an eye opener. The orchestra of drum and bells kept up the music while the dancers stepped off the measure. As the evening progressed the dancing became livelier and the square got more and more of the spectators to the name. The performances lasted up until 12:30 when we all had our own little dance and then we all went home some of us with headaches.

BOND-OSMOND

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin on Wednesday evening April 13th occurred the marriage of Mr. Thomas Bond of Lone Butte to Miss B. Osmond of Pinhook. The Rev. W. Levermore solemnized the ceremony. The bride was attended by Mrs. E. Conrad and was given away by Mr. J. Middle. Both the contracting parties are well and favorably known in the district and friends have gathered where the bride has been engaged for some time as teacher in the school. The wedding took place on Thursday evening April 14th.

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2000 People for Bassano

1911 is the biggest year Bassano will have seen. If you are a new citizen, or farmer or homesteader, make it a point to keep in touch with your town, country, friends and enemies by dropping into this office and leaving one buck and a half. You'll never miss it and you will enjoy the News

We Expect to Have the Pleasure of Receiving Dozens of New Members into Our

Happy Family Before the End of April. But dont wait. Come in Any Day.

THE BASSANO NEWS

Guessing Contest

In the last two issues of this paper we offered to give away a \$70.00 Range free:

HERE IS THE WAY

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Everyone making cash purchases amounting to \$5.00 is entitled to a guess as to the number of nails in a certain package. A purchaser making a \$10.00 cash purchase is entitled to two guesses etc. We will give a receipt with every purchase and when they amount to \$5.00 or more, bring them in and make your guess which will be recorded. Our reason for making this offer is to dispose of a certain make of range and confine ourselves to one line. Contest begins on the morning of March 15th and closes on the evening of May 15th. Range will be on display for inspection.

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OUR NEIGHBORS

BROOKS BANNERISMS

The drays do an immense business these days.

The stock pens are kept pretty well filled up with horses being brought in by settlers and the irrigation contractors.

A building is being put up by Mr. Pieren, adjoining the Maple Leaf Cafe on the west for a shoe shop. A shoemaker is badly needed here.

The C. P. R. Irrigation Department will build a hospital in Brooks, on Second Street west near the school house. It will be for the men employed on the irrigation system and Dr. Anderson will be in charge.

Governor Grain, Inspector Grayson has been here the past week superintending the distribution of wheat and oats for seeding among the homesteaders.

Owen Moodie is building a big feed barn that will aid materially in providing adequate stables in town.

D. Green's handsome cottage is nearing completion.

The carpenters are at work on C. H. Marshall's new residence.

Police court was in session Tuesday and Wednesday, Justice Anderson presiding. Sergeant Johnson of the N. W. M. P. was in attendance. Only a couple of minor offences were disposed of with small fines.

Homesteaders are coming in every day now and going to their claims across the Red Deer and the trail is kept warm.

Fred Wheatley expects to open his new pool room and bowling alley the latter part of this week.

BERRY CREEK NEWS

The meeting at the home of Ed Burdge was very well attended last Sunday, the service was taken by Messrs. McGellar and Higgins. The meeting is held there every Sunday at 2 p. m.

Sidney Burdge J. P. has recovered from his sickness and expects to Press at Mr. Stuever's store next Sunday.

Messrs. Van Housen, Libbott and Phillips were in Custer last week.

Leon Burdge returned on April 1st from a business trip to Bassano and will be back again on April 15th for another trip to Bassano.

M. Copeland is spending several weeks on his claim then he will return to his position again with F. Hurst & Co. of Calgary.

Yesterday evening a small party spent a fine time skating, unless it snows, there will be a large party out this evening when they expect to have a very enjoyable time.

The United Farmers of Berry Creek received a consignment of strawberries to distribute among the members for testing. The growers they are hoping to keep the growers in check by a starting new with the growing process.

Although most of the crops were a failure last year, the inhabitants of this district are not discouraged, but are planning to sow as many acres as they can cultivate this year looking forward for good crops.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Choprats were no rats
Vessons were no congress gaiters
Yero never caused the plover.
Nash saw no aviation.

Houston Post

Cesar delighed in motor cars,
Fleiss saw up wheelchairs,
Sappho wore no linen shirt.
Adam never wore no pants.

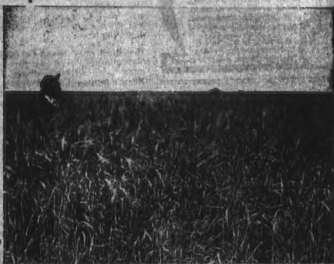
Birmingham Herald.

Hector never played at golf.
Homer never lost a "munch."
Saul never named a trilly cat.
Scrooges a no free luncheon.

Boston Transcript.

A GOLD MINE

Professor Shaw, the greatest agricultural economist the world ever saw, who visited the Bow Valley lands said: "There is greater wealth in the upper 12 inches of soil in Alberta than in all the gold mines in America."



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